

REMARKS

Examiner Cooley is thanked for the courtesy extended during the Office Interview on August 25, 2005.

The Examiner Interview Summary Record is believed to accurately reflect what was discussed at the Interview.

Reconsideration of the objection to the Specification filed on March 12, 2004 is hereby requested. The document filed on March 12, 2004 was a Preliminary Amendment that included amendments to the Specification. However, to satisfy the Examiner's request, a Substitute Specification is being filed with this Response. Such Substitute Specification is a clean copy of the amendments to the Specification filed on March 12, 2004 and also includes the amendments to the Specification submitted herein. No new matter was included.

Reconsideration of the objection to the Drawings is hereby requested. Figure 1 has been amended to show the subject matter of Claims 10-13. Non-equiphase wave contours are identified as "NEPS", mutually phase-shifted or equiphase wave contours are identified as "EPS" and a changing of length  $\lambda/2$  from inlet to outlet is shown, for example, as  $\lambda/2'$ .

Formal Drawings will be submitted after receipt of the Notice of Allowance.

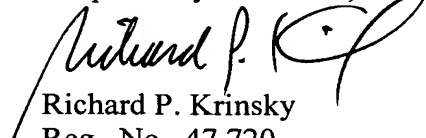
The Specification (paragraphs 00020 and 00021) has been amended to reflect the subject matter from Claims 10-13 and the Drawings.

As stated in the Office Action, Claims 1-17 are allowed.

The Application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (677/41957).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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